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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF H20, INC., FOR AN EXTENTION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF JOHNSON
UTILITIES, L.L.C., DBA JOHNSON
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN
EXTENSION FOR ITS CERTIFICATE
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
TO PROVIDE WATER AND
WASTEWATER SERVICE TO THE
PUBLIC IN THE DESCRIBED AREA IN
PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DIVERSIFIED WATER UTILITIES, INC. TO EXTEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QUEEN CREEK WATER COMPANY TO EXTEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY DOCKET NO. W-02234A-00-0371

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INTERVENORS' RESPONSE TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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The owners of Skyline Ranch, as Intervenors, object to the approval of the settlement agreement among Johnson Utilities Co., H20, Inc., and Queen Creek Water Company on the grounds that implementation of the agreement would place Intervenors and their property in an expanded service area for Johnson Utilities Co. without the Intervenors' consent. Intervenors have, during the

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last twelve months, been unable to reach agreement with Johnson Utilities Co. concerning the terms and conditions of the main-line extension agreements required for water and sewer service to their project. Any main-line extension agreement that fails to include at a minimum a calendar of completion dates, performance assurances, adequate specifications for urban systems, and remedies for breach of the agreement is not in the best interest of either the landowners, future home owners, or the governmental agencies that have oversight responsibilities. Consequently, Intervenors have revoked their prior request for service from Johnson Utilities Co., and now object to any settlement proposal that would include Skyline Ranch within the expanded service area for Johnson Utilities Co.

If, contrary to Intervenors' request, Johnson Utilities Co. is given the franchise to serve Skyline Ranch, then we request that a conditional or provisional order be entered by the Commission that provides appropriate performance benchmarks to be met by Johnson Utilities Co. We suggest that the expansion approval orders for both water and sewer service be conditioned upon property owners within the proposed expansion area and Johnson Utilities reaching main-line extension agreements within a specified period of time following the orders (unless the parties mutually agreed to extend that date). The main-line extension agreements for water and sewer should addresses completion dates, performance assurances, urban specifications for capacity and fire-flow, and remedies for breach of the order (either at law, by the right to summarily withdraw from the utility district, or both). If the parties are unable to reach agreements, then the property owner would be excluded from the utilities' certificated area by authority of the conditional order. This type of conditional order would help protect all landowners and homeowners who may be placed in the expanded service area.

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